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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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Gerard MacLean DEARING, et al.

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SEQUENTIAL PROCESSES AND ON-LINE TRANSACTION PROCESSES

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO THE ACTION OF AUGUST 24, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office action dated August 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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